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# Norton Colorado

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# Newsletter

May 2017

## Upcoming Events

See page 12 for the entire official 2017 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2017 official schedule, please contact Eric.

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Debbie Johnson first fed us at a traditional English tea party, then led us on a spirited ride through Boulder county and the foothills.



# Spring Tech Session

hosted by Bob Martin



## Rode or Worked on a Norton:

Jack and Peggy Abeyta  
Eric Bergman  
Rick Black  
Scott Robinson  
Randy Schneider  
Denny Westervelt  
Martin White



Eric used the tech session as an opportunity to build a transmission.

## Rode something lesser:

Debby Johnson -- Kawasaki  
Marc Lomax -- Ural  
Mark Liu -- KTM  
Lew Wackler -- BMW

## Got there:

Greg Boechler  
Jim Colt  
Jim Fisher  
Kris Geller  
Jamie and Michelle Jones  
James Lafler  
Ric Landeira  
Bob Ohman  
Mike Powell  
Tom Tallick  
Herb and Karen Varona  
Bob Zimmerman

The other major project entertaining us was Jack's cracked frame (which as of now is already fixed).



Martin White and Peggy lend a hand. Jack showing he really does know which end of the wrench to hold.



Tired of wrenching, Jack resorts to the Voodoo Gods to get the repair completed.



Kris Geller drove Bob Zimmerman down so he could make his first appearance at a Norton Event since his brain surgery. He's tired, but seems to be making progress on the road to recovery. We wish you all the best Bob and hope to see more of you.



## **English tea party and ride**

hosted by Debbie Johnson



### **Rode a Norton:**

Jack and Peggy Abeyta  
Debbie Johnson  
Scott Robinson

### **Rode something lesser:**

Jim Colt -- Honda  
Mark Liu -- BMW  
Marc Lomax -- Ducati  
Bob Martin -- BMW  
David Sheesley -- BMW

### **Got there:**

Eric Bergman and Susie Saarinen  
Jeff, Katie and Ella Fields  
Jamie and Michelle Jones  
Ric and Joy Landeira  
Bob Ohman  
Herb and Karen Varona  
Robin Webster



I think this year's edition was the best ever! It was the largest turnout ever by a good margin and this house is large enough to accommodate the group. This time I had very few leftovers. Most everything got consumed.

Five of us went on the group ride, leaving at about noon. Besides me, it was Bob Martin, Scott Robinson, the Abeytas, and Jim Colt. Nobody really wanted to go all the way up to the Peak-Peak, so I led them on my Lower Lefthand Loop (Lefthand to Lee Hill Road, down to Old Stage Road, and back out on Lefthand). Scott described the pace as "spirited". :) I had to wait several times for people to catch up. We all split off in separate directions after the loop. Bob decided to go ride the Peak-Peak, Jim took a shortcut back to Boulder, Jack blew past the turn onto Lee Hill then when he turned around he just went back down Lefthand, and Scott and I finished off the loop together. I took a longish route home and that was that.

Paper cups and plates made cleanup easy. Smokey hid under the bed the entire time but was back to normal when I got back. I was going to change the oil on the 850 when I got back but decided it could wait for another day.

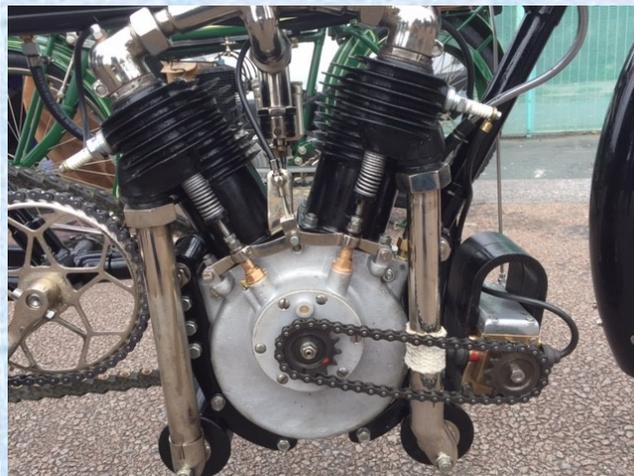
It was a lot of work, but it was fun.  
Debby





## The First Norton

*Peter Allen had the opportunity to see this historic motorcycle up close and personal.*



How about a group of FIVE (5) 100 year old Nortons in one shop?

These belong to fellow Lone Star Vincent Man Richard Asprey.

He had so much fun on last year's Cannonball Run, he's doing it again - this time, he's taking along pals to keep him company.



Upcoming events : Add these 2 fun gatherings to your calendar

**2ND ANNUAL  
VINTAGE  
MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CYCLE PLAZA  
412 NORTH CHELTON ROAD  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909  
**SATURDAY  
MAY 20, 2017 8:00 a.m.**

**FREE ENTRY! FREE BOOTH!**

LOAD YOUR TRUCK AND TRAILER

Bring your old motorcycle, parts, apparel (jackets, helmets, boots, etc.), literature, magazines, gas tanks, wheels, rusty frames, old engines. Basically anything related to motorcycling. All brands are welcome. Buyer entry is free and spaces are also free. BRING OUT ALL OF THOSE OLD PARTS COLLECTING DUST IN YOUR BARN, SHED OR GARAGE. See you there!  
CALL FOR MORE INFO 719-660-7252



**2017 4 CORNERS  
RENDEZVOUS**

(Yes, it is still going on all these years)

**When:** Thur. -Sun. June 15-18<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Mavreeso Campground on West Fork Dolores Rd. (same as last year)

From Dolores stay on 145 North (toward Telluride) go 13.4 miles to West Dolores Rd. (the road will widen with a left turn lane and there is a green sign that says Dunton with an arrow on it) turn left go 6.1 miles to Mavreeso Campground. It is on the right. (We will have a group site for camping. If you set up in any other sites, you will have to pay for that site yourself.)

**Who:** Hosted by Western Slope Norton Riders and Norton Colorado.

**Includes:** Tent Camping, Morning coffee, Friday night chili and Saturday night brats and burgers, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and the coveted paper plate awards. Amazing mountain roads and unbelievable, but true campfire stories. Fee is \$30.00 per person.

For further information contact Steve Harris at [sharris@frontier.net](mailto:sharris@frontier.net) or call 970-946-1960.

(Please R.S.V.P. so we can figure food)

## Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Classic Motoring Stickers and Gifts:

<https://www.isaydingdong.co.uk/shop/search.php?q=ht%20enfield&searchbutton=Search>

Norton Torque:

[https://www.oldbritts.com/n\\_torg.html](https://www.oldbritts.com/n_torg.html)

Robert Pirsig, author of Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, obituary:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/apr/25/robert-pirsig-obituary>

Two very different ways of  
enjoying a Norton ride.



## THE TOILET SEAT .... OOPS !

My wife had been after me for several weeks to varnish the wooden seat on our toilet.

Finally, I got around to doing it while she was out. After finishing, I left to take care of another matter before she returned.

She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

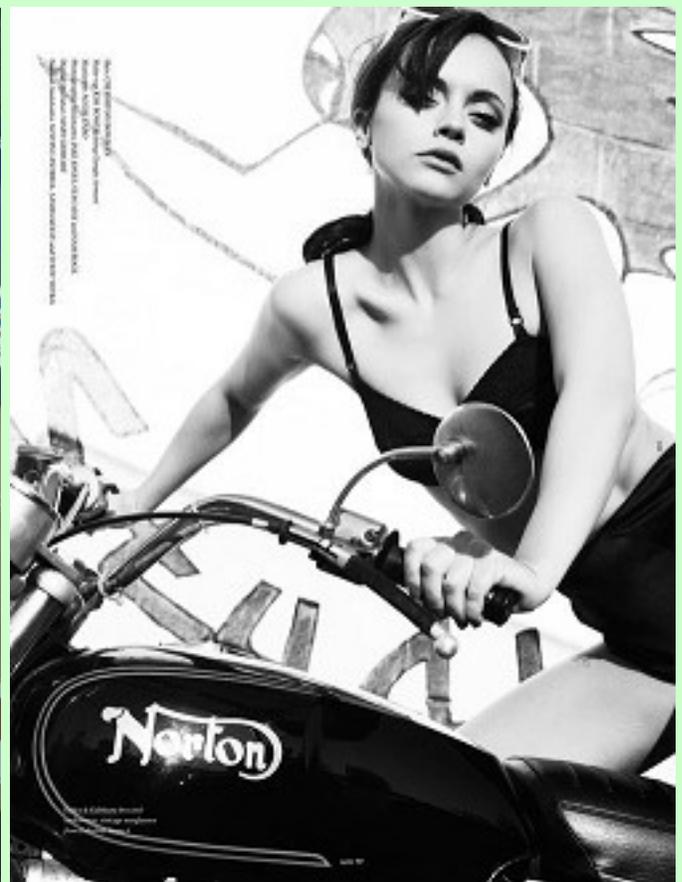
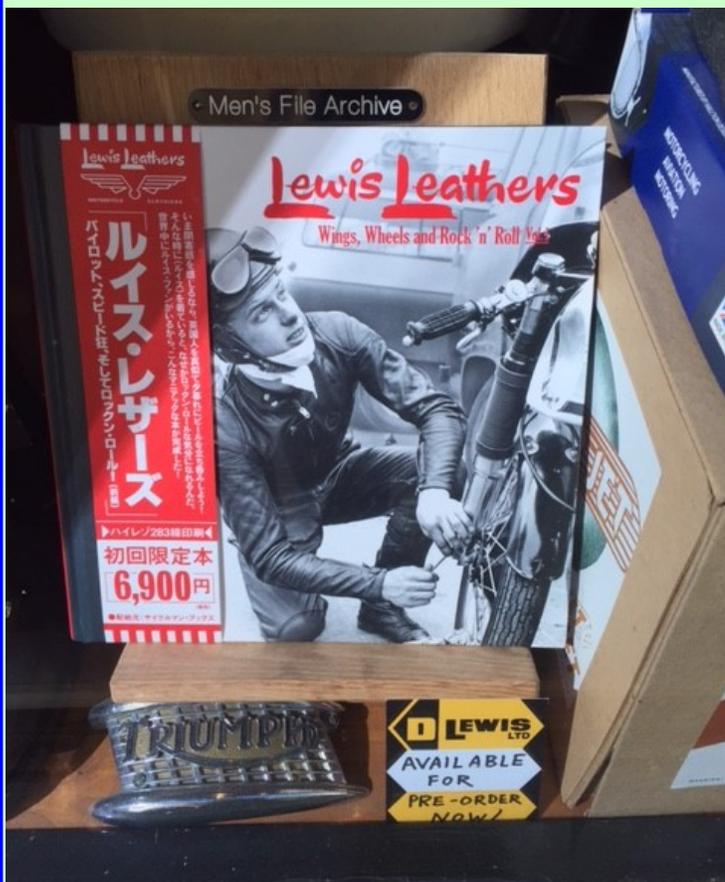
About that time, I got home and realized her predicament.

We both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, I undid the toilet seat bolts.

My wife wrapped a sheet around herself and I drove her to the hospital emergency room. The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her (Try to get a mental picture of this.)

She tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before."

The Doctor replied,  
"Actually, I've seen lots of them, I just never saw one mounted and framed."



**President Arnie Beckman is also our club lawyer. Here's some legal information some members may be interested in. -- Thanks Arnie, it's nice to know that we are in good standing with the fine State of Colorado.**

At the end of April our official legal entity must file its "Periodic Report" with the State of Colorado Secretary of State Office. I completed this task this morning. The annual fee is \$10.00. I am not sure if any of our members know or care that this takes place but they have the right to this information so I prepared the following brief paragraph below.

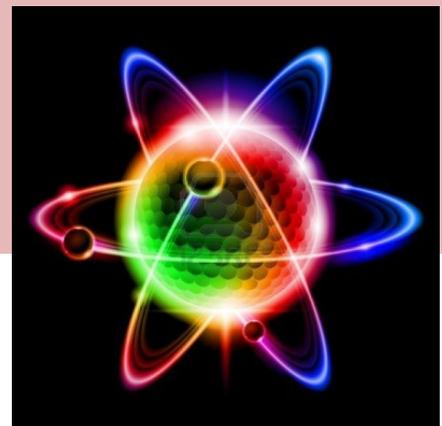
In February 2009 the informal vintage motorcycle riding group known as "Norton Colorado" became a formally filed legal entity with the State of Colorado. The reason for this action in 2009 involved banking regulations the Club ran into while trying to establish a new Club bank account. Times had changed since the first account became active and the bank required the we become a legal entity before a new account could open. For all practical purposes becoming a formal legal entity changed very little in the day to day operations of the Club or its events and activities. Every year at the end of April our official legal entity must file its "Periodic Report" with the State of Colorado Secretary of State Office. I completed this task for 2017 by completing a Periodic Report and paying a \$10.00 filing fee on April 24, 2017. This means the Club shall remain in "good standing" with the State for the next year. If any member (or anyone for that matter) has any interest in accessing any filing done on behalf of the Club to the Secretary of State office that information can be accessed on-line at the Secretary of State website under our Club's formal title "Norton Colorado Motorcycle Club Inc." or under our identification number 20091074781. You will note the Club and Eric share an address and the agent for service, in the unlikely event we get sued, remains me and my address. All the documents filed on behalf of the Club may be accessed and hard copies printed from the website at the following link:

<http://www.sos.state.co.us/biz/emailEntitySummary.do?fileId=20091074781&nameTyp=ENT&srchTyp=ENTITY>

Arnie A. Beckman  
President Norton Colorado Motorcycle Club Inc.  
aka Norton Colorado

In honor of Earth Day and the March for Science events here's a science joke that would go over perfectly in one of my science classes (from Jack Abeyta):

Why can't you trust an Atom?  
They make up everything



## Schedule for 2017

Feel free to contact Eric Bergman or Jack Abeyta to suggest more ideas or to volunteer to host an event

Feb 4 (Sat): Winter Banquet

Mar 4 (Sat): Museum Tour TBA

Mar 19 (Sun): *Pub meeting* at [Streets of London Pub](#), 1501 E. Colfax, Denver, 2 PM.

April 2 (Sun): *Spring Tech Day* at [Bob Martin's](#), 11838 W. 108th Dr., Broomfield, 9 AM.

April 23 (Sun): Tea Party - host Debby Johnson

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June 15-18 (Thu-Sun): *Four Corners Rendezvous*, at [Mavreeso Campground](#), near Dolores, hosted by [Steve Harris & Charley Gremmels](#).

July 2 (Sun): *Mt. Evans Ride*, followed by brunch at [David Sheesley's](#), 28204 Meadow Dr., Evergreen, (303) 670-7258, (303) 670-7258. Start at [Eric Bergman's](#), 1900 19th St., Golden at 9 AM.

July (TBA): INOA Rally, Buena Vista, VA

July 15-16 (Sat-Sun): Century Ride

July 29 (Sat): Shop Tour (3-4 Brit-bike shops)

Aug 5-6 (Sat-Sun): *Wimpy Campout*, hosted by [Jamie & Michelle Jones](#), 10800 S. Oehlmann Ave., Conifer.

Aug 20 (Sun): *Breakfast Ride* hosted by [Jim and Marti Fisher](#), 1374 Greening Ave., Erie, 11 AM.

Sept 8-10 (Fri-Sun): *Up The Poudre Without A Paddle* at [Archer's Poudre River Resort](#), west of Fort Collins.

Sept 17 (Sun): [English Motoring Conclave](#), Oak Park, Arvada.

Sept 30 (Sat): *Open Garage* at [Al & Barb Slarks'](#), 6299 Sunshine Canyon Dr., Boulder, 11 AM.

Oct 15 (Sun): *Plains Ride*, hosted by [Scott & Julie Robinson](#), 1711 E. 83rd Pl., Denver, 9 AM.

Oct 29 (Sun): Fall Tech Day - host TBA

Nov 11: Sat night 7:00 -- Hockey Game : National Champion DU Pioneers vs. St Cloud State

Dec 3 (Sun): Pub meeting

Jan 1, 2018 (Mon): New Year's Day Ride

Jan 14, 2018 (Sun): Pub meeting

## Membership

Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever.

Dues are \$20/ year individual, \$22 for a couple or family unit, payable to "Norton Colorado" and sent to the Treasurer, whose contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

The official club membership list is posted on the club website. Please let Eric know if there is an error.

The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

## Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2017 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or re-scheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

<http://www.nortoncolorado.org/meetings.html>

## Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2017):

*points, events, solo rides*

Jack Abeyta	25	5	4
Peggy Abeyta	25	5	4
Scott Robinson	21	5	3
David Sheesley	16	4	7
Debby Johnson	16	3	4
Denny Westervelt	11	3	0
Eric Bergman	11	5	0
Bob Martin	10	5	0
Martin White	10	2	0
Mike Fields	10	3	2



Robert Pirsig, author of Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, passed away this week. Reading his book when I just started riding motorcycles changed my life. I'm sure I'm not alone.

## Current Occupants

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**Credits:** Thanks to Jack Abeyta, Peter Allen, Arnie Beckman, Eric Bergman, King Browne, Bob Herman, Debbie Johnson and Bob Martin for their contributions to this newsletter.

I also want to say thanks to others who sent me things I will use in future editions.

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